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Chicago Metro Unemployment Rate Rises

Manufacturing Loses Jobs in 12 of 14 Metro Areas

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	Oct. 2016	Oct. 2015	Over-the- Year Change
Bloomington	4.8%	5.0%	-0.2
Carbondale-Marion	5.4%	6.0%	-0.6
Champaign-Urbana	4.8%	5.3%	-0.5
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	5.7%	5.3%	0.4
Danville	6.6%	7.2%	-0.6
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	5.4%	5.7%	-0.3
Decatur	6.2%	7.0%	-0.8
Elgin	4.9%	5.6%	-0.7
Kankakee	5.8%	6.7%	-0.9
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	4.6%	5.2%	-0.6
Peoria	5.9%	6.9%	-1.0
Rockford	6.0%	7.1%	-1.1
Springfield	4.5%	5.3%	-0.8
St. Louis (IL-Section)	5.2%	6.1%	-0.9
Illinois Statewide	5.5%	5.6%	-0.1

** Data subject to revision.*

CHICAGO— Thirteen of (14) Illinois' metropolitan (metro) areas experienced decreases in their over-the-year unemployment rates and eight of the metro areas had increases in nonfarm jobs, according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). The unemployment rate increased only in the Chicago metro area.

"Overall the year over year unemployment rate increase is disappointing, but not unexpected given Illinois' lackluster rate of economic recovery since 2011," said IDES Director Jeff Mays. "Each of the six counties in the Chicago metro division saw their unemployment rate increase, while 94 of the remaining 96 counties in the state saw their rates decline."

Illinois businesses added jobs in eight metro areas, in which the largest increases were seen in: Elgin Metropolitan Division (+2.0%, +5,100), the Kankakee MSA (+1.5%, +700) and the Champaign-Urbana MSA (+1.4%, +1,600). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division increased +0.6% or +23,800. Illinois businesses lost jobs in five metro areas

including Carbondale-Marion MSA (-2.2%, -1,300), the Decatur MSA (-1.9%, -1,000) and the Bloomington MSA (-1.3%, -1,300). The industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas were Retail Trade (10 areas), Educational and Health Services (8 areas), Leisure and Hospitality (8 areas) and total Government (8 areas). Manufacturing saw decreases in 12 areas.

Not seasonally adjusted data compares October 2016 with October 2015. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 5.5 percent in October 2016 and stood at 12.2 percent at its peak in this economic cycle in January 2010. Nationally, the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.7 percent in October 2016 and 10.6 percent in January 2010 at its peak. The unemployment rate identifies those who are out of work and looking for work, and is not tied to collecting unemployment insurance benefits.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – October 2016

Metropolitan Area	Oct. 2016*	Oct. 2015**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	95,100	96,400	-1,300
Carbondale-Marion MSA	58,200	59,500	-1,300
Champaign-Urbana MSA	113,600	112,000	1,600
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,732,200	3,708,400	23,800
Danville MSA	29,400	29,400	0
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	181,500	182,800	-1,300
Decatur MSA	51,400	52,400	-1,000
Elgin Metro Division	266,000	260,900	5,100
Kankakee MSA	46,200	45,500	700
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	416,600	412,600	4,000
Peoria MSA	177,600	179,300	-1,700
Rockford MSA	155,800	153,800	2,000
Springfield MSA	116,100	115,000	1,100
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	239,100	237,600	1,500
Illinois Statewide	6,090,000	6,059,300	30,700

**Preliminary **Revised*

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Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates (percent) for Local Counties and Areas

	Oct- 16	Oct- 15	Over the Year Change
Rockford MSA			
Boone County	5.5%	6.2%	-0.7
Winnebago County	6.2%	7.3%	-1.1
Cities			
Belvidere City	6.3%	7.5%	-1.2
Freeport City	6.2%	7.5%	-1.3
Rockford City	7.3%	8.7%	-1.4
Counties			
Bureau County	5.5%	6.4%	-0.9
Carroll County	4.7%	5.0%	-0.3
DeKalb County	4.8%	5.6%	-0.8
Henry County	5.8%	6.5%	-0.7
JoDaviess County	4.3%	5.2%	-0.9
Kane County	4.9%	5.7%	-0.8
Lee County	4.6%	5.2%	-0.6
McHenry County	5.0%	4.6%	0.4
Ogle County	5.2%	5.9%	-0.7
Stephenson County	5.4%	6.4%	-1.0
Whiteside County	5.6%	6.4%	-0.8

Stephenson County

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 5.4 percent in October 2016 from 6.4 percent in October 2015. The last time the October rate was equal to or lower than the current rate was in 2007 when it was 5.2 percent. For the month of October 2016, the number of people unemployed in the labor force was 1,150.

Total nonfarm employment increased by +50 compared to a year ago. Construction (+125), Government (+50), and Professional-Business Services (+50) added the most jobs from October 2015. The Manufacturing (-100) and Financial Activities (-100) sectors recorded the largest employment declines compared to one year ago.

Note:

- Monthly 2015 unemployment rates and total non-farm jobs for Illinois metro areas were revised in February 2016, as required by the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Comments and tables distributed for prior metro area news releases should be discarded as any records or historical analysis previously cited may no longer be valid.

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Rockford MSA Highlights

Help Wanted

Area employers advertised for 4,900 positions in October and approximately 86 percent sought full-time employment, according to Help Wanted OnLine data compiled by the Conference Board. It is a global, independent business membership and research association. Employers actually need more workers than the help wanted advertising indicates because some industries, such as construction, typically do not advertise job openings.

Rockford MSA

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 6.0 percent in October 2016 from 7.1 percent in October 2015. The last time the October rate was equal to or lower than the current rate was in 2006 when it was 4.1 percent. For the month of October 2016, the estimated number of people unemployed in the labor force was 10,300.

Total nonfarm employment increased +2,000 compared to October 2015. Professional-Business Services (+2,300), Leisure-Hospitality (+300), and Government (+100) sectors led other local industries in payroll gains. The Manufacturing (-300), Construction (-200), Retail Trade (-100), and Information (-100) industries recorded the largest employment declines compared to one year ago.

Ogle County

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 5.2 percent in October 2016 from 5.9 percent in October 2015. The last time the October rate was equal to or lower than the current rate was in 2006 when it was 3.5 percent. For the month of October 2016, the number of people unemployed in the labor force was 1,400.

Total nonfarm employment increased +50 compared to October 2015. Manufacturing (+75), Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (+75), and Leisure-Hospitality (+50) sectors added the most jobs over the year. The Construction (-150) sector recorded the largest employment decline compared to one year ago.